

*Next Meeting – March 13, 2007 – 2PM
Appoquinimink State Service Center
Middletown, Delaware*

**GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2006 – 2:00 PM
APPOQUINIMINK STATE SERVICE CENTER
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE**

PRESENT: Sandy Tuttle, Co-Chair; Daniese McMullin-Powell, Co-Chair; Carol Barnett, DSAAPD; James Baynard, DDDS; Nate Beasley, IRI; Kim Brockenbrough, DSHA; Kate Cowperthwait, NMSS; Tony Francioni, DOL/DVR; Brian Hartman, SCPD, DLP; Charlotte Herbert, LDAF; Michelle Hess, CDS; Karen Horton, DHSA; Lottie Lee, DMS-DHSS; Kirsten Olson, Connections; Tina Riley, Delaware Housing Coalition; Cara Robinson, Homeless Planning Council of DE; Elizabeth Schantz, Consumer; Kyle Hodges, Staff and Linda Bates, Support Staff

ABSENT: Marguerite Ashley, NCCo; Merton Briggs, NAMI-DE; Regina Byers, SCPD; Pete DeKuncheK, Chimes; Lorraine DeMeurisse, Deutsche Bank Trust Co; Doyle Dobbins, DelArf; Micki Edelsohn, Homes for Life; Ron Engard, GACEC; Kathy Fisher, DSAMH; Patricia Kelleher, The Arc; Yolanda Jenkins, DSCYF; Bill McCool, UCP; Victor Orija, DASSPD; Melissa Smith, DSAMH/DHSS; Paula Voshell, DSHA; Pat Weygandt, DDDS

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the November 14, 2006 meeting minutes as submitted.

BUSINESS

Finalize Target Population

Sandy reviewed the Vision statement as follows: Every person in Delaware with a disability has the opportunity to live in safe, affordable housing that is accessible and integrated in the community with appropriate support services. Between 2008 and 2013, “a certain number of” individuals of the known “blank” individuals who are homeless or residing in institutions or at risk of institutionalization will have access to community-based living.

Sandy and Kyle reiterated from the last meeting that the Vision’s target number is 1648 identified as homeless, 375 identified from DDDS and 100 identified from the MFP grant for a total identified number of 2123 for the next five years. However, the overall number will go up after we get the numbers from DSAMH (43), NAMI (64), and 755 individuals who have

indicated a preference to live in the community if they had a chance which would total 2633 of individuals.

Sandy said that everything we have said through the goals and various objectives should relate back to making sure that we have access to community based housing for this number of individuals. Brian asked if the homeless number is for homeless with disabilities. Kyle clarified that “yes” it is for homeless people with disabilities. Kyle will obtain and clarify that this is just for adults and does not include children. Sandy and Kyle agreed that there needs to be a prioritization of these goals and objectives to be given to the Commission—and a smaller group will need to be assigned to do this task. If this Committee cannot prioritize; then maybe the Commission with our input, can prioritize.

Goals and Objectives

Kyle stated that Kim, Sandy, Daniese and he had a conference call last week on this goal. Kim reviewed all the goals and objectives and made some comments on the DSHA prospective. Therefore, the previous Goal 4 has been revamped based on this conference call. Some of the objectives have been taken out.

- Goal #4—Develop and implement a coordinated system to assess, administer and implement housing programs for people with disabilities.

Kim gave an overview on the coordinated system for centralized agencies. Currently, there are five groups to receive funding from HUD. The objectives under Goal 4 would be consistent with the following.

1. It has been proposed to determine the feasibility of broadening the scope of the DSHA authority or another housing entity that would be the one stop housing group. The “Owner” would be SCPD. The “Due Date” would be FY ’10.
 2. To work to develop relationships between the disability advocacy community and each of the Delaware PHA’s. The “Owner” would be DSHA; and the “Due Date” would be FY 08 (Educational Trainings) or FY 09 (Liaisons/Disability organizations). Lottie suggested the National Association of Housing Redevelopment as a good training tract and a good resource.
 - Establish one set of rules for the disability community. The DSHA is establishing one application for all the housing entities to give to the people with disabilities and people without disabilities. A MOU or legislation is suggested to make sure all the entities are at the table.
 - Schedule joint educational efforts/presentations.
 - Identify liaisons between housing and disability organizations.
 3. Develop a web-based single, unified application process for people applying for Public Housing or Housing Choice voucher Programs in Delaware. This now becomes #3 under Goal 4. The “Due Date” for the web-based developed by Jan 07; Solicit buy-In from PHAs—may need legislation by FY 08.
- Goal #2—Secure funding that allows for a broad range of in home residential services and support options which promote choice, independence, freedom to take risks and cost effectiveness.
1. Put Objectives #s 1, 3, 4 and 5 as planned action steps under #9. Objective #9, “Owner”—DHSS; “Due Date”—FY 08.

2. Change # 9 to read: Ensure adequate in-house medical, non-medical, etc.
 3. Objective #2—"Fiscal Impact"--\$400,000; "Owner"—DHSS and "Due Date"—FY 08.
 4. Objective #6—add a planned action step—Determine the need for additional living readiness programs for rental and home ownership programs; "Owner"—CDS and "Due Date"—2010.
 5. Objective #7—change to read: Provide walk-in mental and behavioral health services integrated with primary care health services in each county. "Owner"—DSAMH.
 6. Objective #8—change to read: Increase the capacity of DOL and DVR to provide assistance to people with disabilities, including those who are homeless and those with mental health and substance abuse conditions to become employed and maintaining employment for 6 months or more. "Owner"—DVR.
 7. Add a new objective for DSAAPD—re: housing options. Kyle and Carol will work out the language.
- Goal #7: Develop an enhanced discharge and planning process.
 1. Objective #1--A discharge work group will be started on July 07 and the work of the group will be completed by July 09. "Owner"--DICH
 2. Objective #2—move to a planned action of Objective #3--and re-word as a cross disability and action oriented and no person should be involuntarily discharged.
 3. Objective #3—"Owner"—DHSS; DOC.
 4. Objective #4—reword to a case management services or assessment objective.

Path Forward

A small work group of Kim, Kristin, Cara, Sandy, Kyle and Daniese will reword the objectives and actions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Hodges
SCPD Administrator

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